

49. In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add the following claims:

- 7 18. (New) A tablet comprising
(a) from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units and
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose.
- 8 19. (New) A tablet according to claim 18 further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof.
- 9 20. (New) A tablet according to claim 19 comprising dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant.
- 10 21. (New) A tablet according to claim 19 comprising manitol, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum.
- 11 22. (New) A tablet according to claim 21 wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.
- 12 23. (New) A tablet according to claim 22 wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.
- 13 24. (New) A tablet according to claim 19 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
- 14 25. (New) A tablet according to claim 26 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
- 15 26. (New) A tablet according to claim 24 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
- 16 27. (New) A tablet according to claim 25 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

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17. (New) A tablet according to claim 18 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.
18. (New) A tablet according to claim 20 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.
19. (New) A tablet comprising
(a) about 3000 FCC lactase units;
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
(c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
(d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
(e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
(f) dextrose; and
(g) sodium citrate.
20. (New) A tablet comprising
(a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
(c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
(d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
(e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
(f) dextrose; and
(g) sodium citrate.
21. (New) A tablet comprising
(a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
(c) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
(d) dextrose; and
(e) sodium citrate.
22. (New) A composition comprising
(a) from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units and
(b) from bout 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose.

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34. (New) A composition according to claim *23* further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof.
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35. (New) A composition according to claim *34* comprising dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant.
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36. (New) A composition according to claim *34* comprising *mannitol*, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum.
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37. (New) A composition according to claim *36* wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.
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38. (New) A composition according to claim *37* wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.
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39. (New) A composition according to claim *34* wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
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40. (New) A composition according to claim *35* wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
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41. (New) A composition according to claim *40* wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
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42. (New) A composition according to claim *35* wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
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43. (New) A composition according to claim *34* wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 5 % by weight.
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44. (New) A composition according to claim *35* wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 5 % by weight.

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45. (New) A composition comprising
(a) about 3000 FCC lactase units;
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
(c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
(d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
(e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
(f) dextrose; and
(g) sodium citrate.
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46. (New) A composition comprising
(a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
(c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
(d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
(e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
(f) dextrose; and
(g) sodium citrate.
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47. (New) A composition comprising
(a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
(b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
(c) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
(d) dextrose; and
(e) sodium citrate.
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48. (New) A process for making a tablet comprising the following steps in order
(a) mixing lactase and microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
(b) adding to the preblend a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof to form a mixture; and
(c) compressing the mixture to form a tablet.

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- 38.* (New) A process according to claim 48 wherein dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant are added to the preblend.
- 39.* (New) A process according to claim 48 wherein manitol, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum are added to the preblend.
- 40.* (New) A process according to claim 33 wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.
- 41.* (New) A process according to claim 34 wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.
- 42.* (New) A process according to claim 31 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
- 43.* (New) A process according to claim 32 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
- 44.* (New) A process according to claim 36 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
- 45.* (New) A process according to claim 37 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
- 46.* (New) A process according to claim 36 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.
- 47.* (New) A process according to claim 37 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.
- 48.* (New) A process for making a tablet comprising
- (a) mixing an amount lactase having a potency of between about 14,000 and about 100,000 FCC units and about 25 to about 85 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding from about 25 to about 70 weight percent of the tablet of mannitol; from about 0.25 to about 5 weight percent of the tablet of magnesium stearate; carboxymethyl cellulose; dextrose; and sodium citrate to form a mixture;

(c) and compressing the mixture to form the tablet.

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(New) A process for making a tablet comprising

- (a) mixing an amount lactase having a potency of between about 14,000 and about 100,000 FCC units and about 25 to about 85 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding from about 0.25 to about 5 weight percent of the tablet of magnesium stearate; dextrose; and sodium citrate to form a mixture; and
- (c) compressing the mixture to form the tablet.

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